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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2007 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following: